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SUBJ: ETHIOPIAN PREPARATIONS FOR 11TH WORLD YOUTH FESTIVAL
IN HAVANA

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1. APRIL 16 ETHIOPIAN HERALD REPORTED THAT ETHIOPIAN YOUTH WOULD HOLD NATION-WIDE CELEBRATION MAY 21-28, 1978 AS PART OF PREPARATION FOR 11TH WORLD FESTIVAL OF YOUTH AND STUDENTS TO BE HELD IN HAVANA FROM JULY 28-AUG 5. ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE BY SPOKESMAN (UNIDENTIFIED) OF ETHIOPIAN NATIONAL PREPARATORY COMMITTEE (ENPC) WHICH IS UNDER HONORARY CHAIRMANSHIP OF DIRG CHAIRMAN MENGISTU. REPORTED OBJECTIVE OF CELEBRATION, WHICH FIRST OF ITS KIND ON NATION-WIDE SCALE, IS TO "RALLY YOUTH POPULATION BEHIND REVOLUTIONARY STRUGGLE (INTERNALLY) AND TO POPULARIZE 11TH WORLD FESTIVAL FOR ANTI-IMPERIALIST SOLIDARITY, PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP." SPOKESMAN DECLARED CELEBRATION WOULD CREATE FAVORABLE CONDITION FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF ALL ETHIOPIA YOUTH ASSOCIATION.

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2. ETHIOPIAN MASS ORGANIZATIONS, ESPECIALLY URBAN DWELLERS' ASSOCIATIONS (KEBELES), WERE REQUESTED TO CO-ORDINATE THEIR PREPARATIONS WITH PROVISIONAL OFFICE OF MASS ORGANIZATIONAL AFFAIRS (POMOA OR POLITBURO). NEWS ARTICLE CLAIMED "ALL ANTI-IMPERIALIST, ANTI-COLONIALIST, ANTI-RACIST, AND ANTI-ZIONIST FORCES, INCLUDING ETHIOPIA, WOULD PARTICIPATE IN HAVANA." ETHIOPIA'S PARTICIPATION HAILED AS "MAJOR STEP FORWARD FOR

DEMONSTRATING REVOLUTIONARY STRUGGLE OF ETHIOPIAN BROAD
MASSES...AND AN EXPRESSION OF NLTS NOTHING SURPRISING OR UNEXPECTED
ABOUT ETHIOPIA'S

APPARENTLY ENTHUSIASTIC PARTICIPATION IN FESTIVAL AND IT MAY
IN FACT PROVE TO BE OPPORTUNITY FOR ETHIOPIANS TO ORGANIZE
MORE SYSTEMATICALLY THEIR OWN YOUTH PROGRAM. EMBASSY HAS NOT
APPROACHED EHTIOPIAN GOVT CONCERNING FESTIVAL.
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